

BLM News Release



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WOOD GATHERING SEASON OPENS

April 16, 1999, marks the opening of the woodcutting season on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Farmington Office. The permits are for sale at the BLM Office, 1235-A La Plata Highway, Farmington, NM. Firewood gathering on public lands is for personal use only and may not be sold commercially.

Cost of the permit is a nonrefundable fee of \$14. Four tags are issued with each permit, and each tag allows up to one-half cord of dead and down pinon pine and/or juniper. The permit is nontransferable and valid for 60 days from time of purchase. A list of stipulations is provided with each permit.

Extreme caution is advised for woodcutters, and all public land users, because dry conditions and high temperatures have created extreme fire hazards. There are no fire restrictions on public lands at this time.

For more information about BLM's fuel wood program, call (505) 599-8900.